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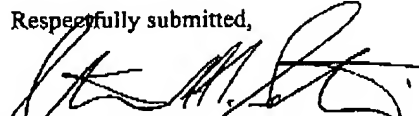
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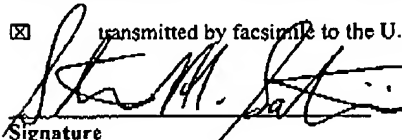
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated September 14, 2005 in the above-identified application, Applicants elect Group I (Claims 1 through 10) without traverse. Applicants further elect Species II (the embodiment represented by Figure 6) with traverse.

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Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's requirement to elect between Species I (the embodiment represented by Figure 2) and Species II (the embodiment represented by Figure 6). Figures 2 and 6 depict exemplary embodiments of two different pushing devices for use with the system claimed in Group I (Claims 1 through 10). Thus, the claims of Group I, which do recite pushing devices, may employ either embodiment and/or any other pushing device that includes the features of the claims.

Applicants respectfully assert that there is no basis for the Examiner to require Applicants to further elect a particular embodiment of an element of a claim "to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable" as the Examiner asserts on Page 4, lines 2 through 9 of the current Office Action. Despite the Examiner's implication to the contrary, 35 U.S.C. Section 121 does not contain any such requirement. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner provide such a basis or withdraw this requirement. The Examiner is respectfully reminded that 35 U.S.C. Section 121 describes divisional applications:

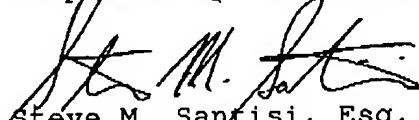
If two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in one application, the Director may require the application to be restricted to one of the inventions. If the other invention is made the subject of a divisional application which complies with the requirements of section 120 of this title it shall be entitled to the benefit of the filing date of the original application. A patent issuing on an application with respect to which a requirement for restriction under this section has been made, or on an application filed as a result of such a requirement, shall not be used as a reference either in the Patent and Trademark Office or in the courts against a divisional application or against the original application or any patent issued on either of them, if the divisional application is filed before the issuance of the patent on the other application. If a divisional application is directed solely to subject matter described and claimed in the original application as filed, the Director may dispense with signing and execution by the inventor. The validity of a patent shall not be questioned for failure of the Director to require the application to be restricted to one invention.

35 U.S.C. Section 121

Clearly there is no requirement of further restricting the meaning of a claim element to a particular embodiment within a restricted group of claims. Clarification is respectfully requested.

Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due regarding this Response. However, if any additional fees are required, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1696.

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